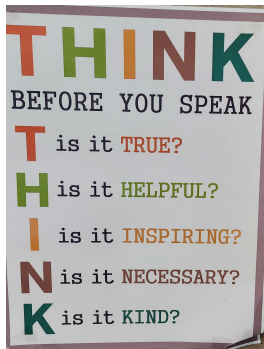


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**On Facebook we are found at:**  
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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**June 18** Father's Day  
**June 19** Flotilla Meeting  
**July 4** Independence Day  
**July 17** Flotilla Meeting  
**August 24-27** DTRAIN - St. Louis

**8WR DISTRICT MONTHLY TRAINING LOOK  
AT THE DISTRICT CALENDAR ON THE  
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See the calendars and check our website  
for possible date changes, RBS dates and  
other operations.

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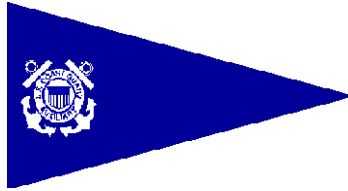
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## FLOTILLA COMMANDER'S MONTHLY LETTER



***JUNE 2023***

We had a busy May with Public Affairs event, Public Education Class, and promoting National Safe Boating Week. Thank you all for your hard work and stepping up to fulfill the need to support these vital activities.

As we start June, two members were invited to attend training and a boat race event at Lake of the Ozarks. We will have more on that in the near future. As we continue to move forward through June, we still need to work on boat crew training and refresher activities. We will soon start on-water activities, so continue working on the knots and review your other dockside activity requirements. Also, be sure that you are using the newest Boat Crew Handbooks. Things such as phonetic alphabet for communications and numeric enunciation for reporting location and status. These are a few of the other activities that you all need to be working with when we are on the water.

Vessel Examiners please keep getting out and get those examinations completed. While conducting those examinations remember to discuss our other water safety, invasive species and education programs.

Again, thank you all for your hard work and continued dedication to our missions. You are all doing a fantastic job!

Barclay Stebbins, FC





## THE DIVERSITY MINUTE

Michael Brown, BC-DUP Outreach  
(Diversity & Inclusion Directorate)

### USCG Auxiliary Diversity Moment

June 2023

#### Diversity of Pride

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*“Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common. Celebrate it every day.” –Winston Churchill*

Pride Month is a time of celebration and recognition for the LGBTQ+ community. It provides an opportunity to acknowledge the importance of diversity and inclusivity, recognizing the ongoing struggle for equality and acceptance.

The significance of Pride Month extends beyond this community and affects us all as members of society. We should be all able to celebrate the freedom to be who we are and to express ourselves without fear of discrimination or persecution.

The importance of inclusivity and diversity cannot be overstated—it truly is something that, as Americans, we all have in common. When we embrace and celebrate the differences that make us unique, we create a more accepting and tolerant society.

Pride Month is celebrated for different reasons: it is more than just a celebration of identity and the human spirit. It is a reminder that all individuals deserve to be treated with dignity and respect, regardless of their orientation or identity. By promoting Pride Month, we promote these values and help to create a more just and equitable world for all, employing the benefits of a diverse workforce to successfully carry out the various missions of the Coast Guard and CG Auxiliary.

C.C. Francis wrote: “A culture of true diversity begets prosperity — diversity of background, of identity, and of thought, without fear of repercussion. The best minds in society (from wherever they come) must be able to offer their authentic selves and viewpoints.” By recognizing the contributions of all, we honor their struggles and help to create a more equitable society. Let’s celebrate the human spirit and promote the values of dignity and respect for all individuals. We will all benefit from this approach.

Michael Brown, BC-DUP Outreach (Diversity & Inclusion Directorate)



## INFORMATION BUG

**MARCH, 2023**

The information for this article was found at  
[Boating Regulations | - Nebraska Game & Parks Commission](https://outdoornebraska.gov)  
([outdoornebraska.gov](https://outdoornebraska.gov))

### POINTS TO PONDER

- All vessels are responsible for any discomfort or injury to other persons or damage to vessels caused by their wake.
- Swimmers have the right of way at all times over all vessels.
- Any vessel not operating under mechanical power and any anchored vessel shall have the right of way over any vessel operating under mechanical power. Motorboat operators shall give such vessels reasonable clearance, so the wash and wake does not unnecessarily disturb said boats.
- Only authorized emergency-rescue or law enforcement vessels may be equipped with or use flashing red/blue lights or sirens.
- Any operator observing flashing red/blue lights on an approaching vessel shall immediately stop.
- Those navigating or attempting to navigate any stream or river with nonpowered vessels may portage or otherwise transport their vessel around any fence or obstruction in such stream or river.



## BOB BRUNER MEMORIAL FISHING DERBY



Photo by Cannon Kinchelow

On May 20th Division 33, staffed an information booth for the Bob Bruner Memorial Fishing Derby held at the Nebraska State Park known as Fremont Lakes outside of Fremont, Nebraska. The fishing derby is designed as a way for kids to enjoy the outdoors, develop fishing skills, and spend time with their families. The event coincides with Free Fishing and Park Entry Day, for the Nebraska Game and Parks. No park permit was required for entrance for this special event.

Two members of Flotilla 33-1, Canon Kinchelow, FSO-PE, and Patrick Rezac, FSO-PA, represented the Auxiliary by promoting boating safety, the wearing of life vests while on the water, having a Vessel Safety Check, and also did a little recruiting, but most importantly interacting with visitors.



The turn out to the booth was bigger than expected with numerous contacts made for potential Vessel Checks and exploring potential career opportunities. The Flotilla members were also able to discuss boating safety on the radio with the Nebraska Game and Parks representatives.

Canon and Patrick left the event excited about the possibility of attending the next fishing derby on May 18, 2024.

By Patrick Rezac, FSO-PA


# June 2023



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# July 2023



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